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1. [redacted] 1949, partisans derailed a freight train near Uzhgorod (N 48-40, E 22-18) at Gorkiy Park. It was rumored among the population that a partisan group was hiding around Remete, about 30 km. north of Uzhgorod, and Nagyberezna, about 20-25 km. north of Perechin (N 48-46, E 22-28), and that this gang derailed the train.

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[redacted] the partisans stopped the truck, searched the load, and asked the driver his nationality, his destination, about the general situation in Uzhgorod, and if he had observed any Soviet Army or police units in the mountains. The partisans spoke in Polish, Hungarian, and Ruthenian. They wore civilian clothes but were equipped with rifles, machine pistols, and hand grenades. [redacted] especially the area around Chernovtsy (N 48-18, E 25-55) was under partisan control. The Soviet police did not dare to patrol at night.

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[redacted] a Soviet Army jeep on the Ukrainian side of the Carpathian Mountains carrying two Russian officers and three or four enlisted men of the MVD, all heavily armed. A machine gun was mounted on the jeep in firing position.

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[redacted] Soviet soldiers and policemen were afraid to move in the mountains during the night at that time.

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3. In 1950, the Soviets issued an amnesty proclamation to the partisans and many of them came out of their hiding places, only to be picked up later by the Soviets on other trumped-up charges. Many partisans remained in the forests.

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6. [] in 1950 in a mountain village near Uzhgorod, partisans killed the president of the local kolkhoz and all members of his family. This kolkhoz president was an ardent Communist and had forced the population of the village to join the kolkhoz and the Communist Party.

7. In 1950 in the forest near the village of Remete a Soviet Army unit encircled a partisan unit and serious firing commenced. The Army unit found much canned food, clothing, and small arms with ammunition.

8. [] the police used to hire spies against the partisan groups. After receiving news of partisan activity, the police staged a raid, usually without success. If firing started between the police and the partisans, the policemen suffered the heavier losses. In 1951, after a police raid against the partisans in the Carpathian Mountains, 70 to 80 dead and wounded policemen were brought back to Uzhgorod.

9. In 1952, partisans poisoned the food at the military camp located in the forest of Ungdaroc, 14 km. northeast of Uzhgorod. [] as a result of this action approximately 80 soldiers died and 160 to 180 were made ill. After this incident, the Army completely burned and destroyed this camp.

10. In June or July 1952, the Soviet Army received information from informants that there was a hidden warehouse in Oerdarna, a small village three km. southwest of Uzhgorod. The Army encircled the village and found hidden under a barn boots, disassembled motorcycles, disassembled horse-drawn army carts, mines, hand grenades, three machine guns, and rifles with ammunition. The collected material was enough to equip a whole company. The owner of the barn and his neighbors were arrested and they, with all members of their families, were taken to the MVD in Uzhgorod.

11. [] in [] 1952 partisans blew up a small railroad bridge near the Verecke Pass. [] at this time there was no railroad traffic on this line for three days.

12. [] in the case of a new war, or with Western support, partisan activities in the Carpatho-Ukraine could be increased to such an extent that the Soviets would be afraid to move into the area. [] 90 percent of the inhabitants would support the partisans.

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